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Peres: No blockade of Lebanon, just a watch for terrorists

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Defence Minister Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday denied Israel was blockading Lebanon. He said there is no (Israeli) naval involvement in Lebanon.

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inhibit and prevent terrorist reinforcements moving by sea, as an extension of the same principle. The significance of the meetings between Israeli and Lebanese Arab Army (LAA) officers was played down here. There were three meetings with medium-ranking LAA officers, it was learned. (The LAA is a breakaway group of Muslims formerly in the Lebanese army.) These meetings centred on very marginal issues such as exchanging Israeli and Lebanese newspapers. There were also general discussions. These meetings were technical, not political, it was reported here.

But closer relations were being developed with Lebanese villagers. The director-general of the Ministry of Labour, Arye Gurel, said on Friday that before long some 300 Lebanese may be working in the north. Lebanese villagers had reported 300 to 400 people there were seeking jobs, he added.

Lebanese Christians have been working in afforestation, in the Ghor plant in Qash Haly and in a tobacco plant in Safad where they processed the 80 tons of tobacco bought in Lebanon.

Lebanese women are expected to begin work in the Ghor plant in Qash Haly after an IDF official arranged meetings with the local Municipal Council and the Labour Council.

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Truck burning fiercely as it plunged into ravine after crashing into oncoming car and broke through guard rail on the dangerous section of the Tiberias road which has claimed numerous victims in the past. Two women were burned to death in the crash yesterday.

'Soviets put pressure on Syria'

BEIRUT. — The Soviet Union has told leftist Lebanese and Palestinian leaders that it was exerting pressure on Syria to withdraw its forces from Lebanon, informed sources said yesterday.

The sources said Soviet Ambassador Alexander Solodovnik had told Palestinian Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat and leftist leader Kamel Junblatt at separate meetings this week that Moscow felt "dissatisfaction" at Syria's actions in Lebanon.

Privately, some Soviet bloc officials have expressed disappointment that the Soviet Union, with its influence in Syria, was not doing more to ease the situation here. Many Syrian Army officers are Soviet-trained and the Soviet Union is Syria's main arms supplier.

A ship carrying arms for Syria recently returned to its home port without making the delivery, the sources said. In addition, a Soviet trade delegation had postponed a visit it was due to make to Damascus shortly, they added.

Meanwhile, Syrian troops in Lebanon were yesterday reported to be rolling towards PLO-led strongholds at Ainbura, Mtein and Aleh in the central mountain area which the Christians pledged to withdraw within a week. (Reuters)

Arafat: Shave their heads

BEIRUT. — About 100 Palestinians tried to escape from Lebanon yesterday but were brought back after their boat broke down.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat ordered the men's heads shaved and put them into a military training camp as punishment. The women and children were sent back home. A PLO officer happened to see the boat as it floundered offshore. He got a motorboat to pick up the passengers.

When he got them all back, he realized they were Palestinians from Saida heading for Cyprus. The officer said in an interview that the boat's passengers were brought before Arafat at his Beirut offices. Arafat ordered the officer to shave the heads of the men. After about seven heads were shaved, the officer said, he became tired of handling the shears and turned the job over to comrades.

Thousands of Lebanese have fled. But there have been no reported instances of large-scale Palestinian flights. (AP)

Egypt violations said technical

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Defence Ministry sources said here yesterday they believed that Egyptian breaches of the Sinai Interim agreement were of a technical nature and that Cairo was still bent on abiding by the accord.

Israel's complaints of Egyptian violations were discussed in Cairo yesterday between General Elmo Sillavuo, chief UN Middle East

Coordinator, and Egyptian War Minister Abdul-Ghani Gamasy. The Sinai agreement says that Egypt may maintain eight battalions east of the Suez Canal. Israel believes that Egypt may have 16 to 18 battalions in that area.

Earlier, Israel complained the Egyptians brought missiles into the limited forces zone. But they have, meanwhile, removed them.

Tiberias death stretch claims three victims

By DAVID SLAV
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Two women were burned to death, a 15-year-old boy was fatally injured and died later in hospital, and four other persons were injured — two of them suffering 45 per cent burns — in yet another road accident on the "death stretch" of the steep Nazareth road leading to the entry of this town.

The accident occurred at 8.10 yesterday morning when a truck carrying barrels of toxic and inflammable insecticide went out of control, crossed lanes and collided with an oncoming car. The truck crashed through the safety barrier, fell into a 10-metre deep ravine and burst into flames.

All the seven persons in the truck and car were either killed or injured. One of the dead women is Hanna Sa'adon, 40, of Beersheba. The other was not identified by last night, as her body was completely charred. She thought to have been a young girl. The boy who died was Shimon Cohen.

On May 19, 15 people were killed when a passenger truck overturned at almost exactly the same spot on the road. Yesterday's accident caused much anger in Tiberias, and protests were renewed to force the authorities to start building a planned detour road in order to make the approach to the city safe. After last

Nomination of Ford seen almost certain

First ballot win predicted

KANSAS CITY, Missouri. — President Ford is almost certain to be nominated on the first ballot as the Republican presidential candidate at the Party convention here tonight.

According to the computations of United Press International and the three major American TV networks, Ford acquired the last delegate votes needed to top the minimum of 1,130 for nomination late yesterday when previously-uncommitted delegates Doug Shanks of Mississippi and C. Hughes of Delaware announced for the President. Other news agencies said Ford was within a "vote or two" of a first-ballot win, and was closing in fast.

Indicative of the passions aroused by the tight race for the nomination between Ford and former California Governor Ronald Reagan was the controversy which arose yesterday over the charge by a Ford delegate that a Reagan supporter had tried to bribe her.

Marie Goodlow of Chicago claimed an unidentified Reagan-backer offered her \$2,500 to switch her allegiance to Reagan. John Sears, Reagan's campaign manager, called the claim "absurd" and added, "There is no truth to it."

On Monday night Republicans staged the ceremonial opening of the 31st National Convention. Their keynote speaker denouncing Democrats for "rattling the dusty skeletons of Watergate."

A procession of speakers paraded to the platform at the sweltering Convention Hall, figures from the Republican past, would-be leaders of the Republican future. Their vows of victory and calls for unity were a fragile facade for the struggle that raged on in the political trenches.

Time it showed through. Rival rooting sections, in the stands and on the floor, matched chants of "We Want Ford" and "We Want Reagan."

Rockett, Goldwater, Landon, the leaders and losers of campaigns past, marched to the rostrum in turn.

Catching up on Carter

By RICHARD COHEN
Special to The Jerusalem Post

KANSAS CITY. — President Ford moved doggedly yesterday toward a first ballot nomination for the presidency. With previously-uncommitted Republican convention delegates beginning to turn to the President, Ford claimed more than 1,130 votes, a figure that will give him the right to make the race in November against Jimmy Carter from farther behind in the polls than any White House incumbent in American history.

The figures were contained in the latest issue of "Delegate Hotline," a daily sheet published by the President Ford Committee, and slipped under the doors of delegates hotel rooms across the city. It was a measure of the clutching-at-straws mind set of the Ford campaign here that the paper was headlined, "Ford Catching Carter."

Sure enough, the Gallup pool showed the President narrowing Carter's lead from an awesome 33-point spread in July (62-29) to the merely commanding August 22-point lead of 56-33. The Harris poll was less encouraging to Ford supporters, showing a gain for the president of only five points in the past month.

A real consolation for the Ford team lay in the President's strong lead over Reagan among Republicans (68-33) and the fact that the ex-California Governor was even farther behind Jimmy Carter than Ford. Gallup gave the Georgia Democrat a 61-38 lead over Reagan. Harris made it 61-36.

These figures bolstered the President's contention that he was more likely to be elected than his challenger for the Republican nomination but they were not likely to inspire confidence in Ford's ability to renew his lease on the White House.

In the past 20 years, the greatest shift in voter sentiment from the polls in August to the elections in November was only 10 points. That was in 1964 when Lyndon Johnson's mid-summer 67-34 lead (Continued on page 2, col. 6)

Grocers end strike today

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Pressure on supermarkets eased a bit yesterday despite the continuation of the nationwide grocers' strike.

On Monday, the supermarkets were jammed with customers and even had to stay open late as shoppers, finding their corner food shops closed by the strike, rushed to the self-service outlets to stock up on basic food items.

Joined by approximately 8,000 independent grocers throughout the country, the three-day shutdown, which ends tonight, was held to protest Treasury regulations requiring the storekeepers to keep books for tax purposes.

"Things weren't as hectic today as yesterday," a manager of a neighbourhood *tzarhanis* superette told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday evening. "On Monday people bought for a few days. But, who knows? Maybe it will be a heavy day tomorrow, too."

The *tzarhanis* belong to the Consumers' Cooperative Movement and, like the Supermarket and Shalom chains, are not participating in the strike.

The General Merchants Association (Continued on page 2, col. 1)

Case of mistaken identity in Argentina — Almogi

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — The arrest of eight Jews and Israelis engaged in Zionist work in Argentina was a case of mistaken identity, Yosef Almogi, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, said here yesterday on his return from a visit to Jewish communities in Argentina.

Almogi said the Argentine security personnel who arrested the three Israel emissaries, their wives and three local Jews thought they were dealing with an underground Marxist group. He explained that the Argentine security forces thought that the congress in which the Jews were participating had affiliations with a splinter group that had left the mainstream Zionist organization in Cordoba three years ago, and joined an underground Marxist group. After the misunderstanding was cleared up they were all released.

Almogi stressed that the Argentine authorities have no anti-Zionist intentions but are very sensitive to all underground leftist activity. He discounted current reports of anti-Semitism in Argentina, saying that while such tendencies do exist, "the Government is not anti-Zionist or anti-Semitic." (Rim)

Four quakes in Asia: 1,000 die in Philippines

Four major earthquakes struck Asia Monday — in southwest and north China, the Philippines and Indonesia.

The southern Philippines were hit by a massive earthquake and a five metre tidal wave that left close to 1,000 people dead and thousands more homeless in the country's worst recorded disaster. The earthquake's centre was under the Celebes Sea and it struck just after midnight local time.

But it was the resulting tidal wave, sweeping over the scattered islands in the area, washing away homes as people slept — which apparently was the cause of most of the deaths. The latest confirmed death toll is 920, but it has been rising steadily as reports come in from the stricken areas.

President Ferdinand Marcos declared a state of emergency in the densely-populated Mindanao island, the worst-hit area.

No reports have as yet been received about a powerful earthquake in Indonesia recorded by the Seismological Institute in Uppsala. Seismologists at the Swedish Institute said that the quake, measuring 8.1 on the Richter scale, was centred in the Molucca Islands, in eastern Indonesia.

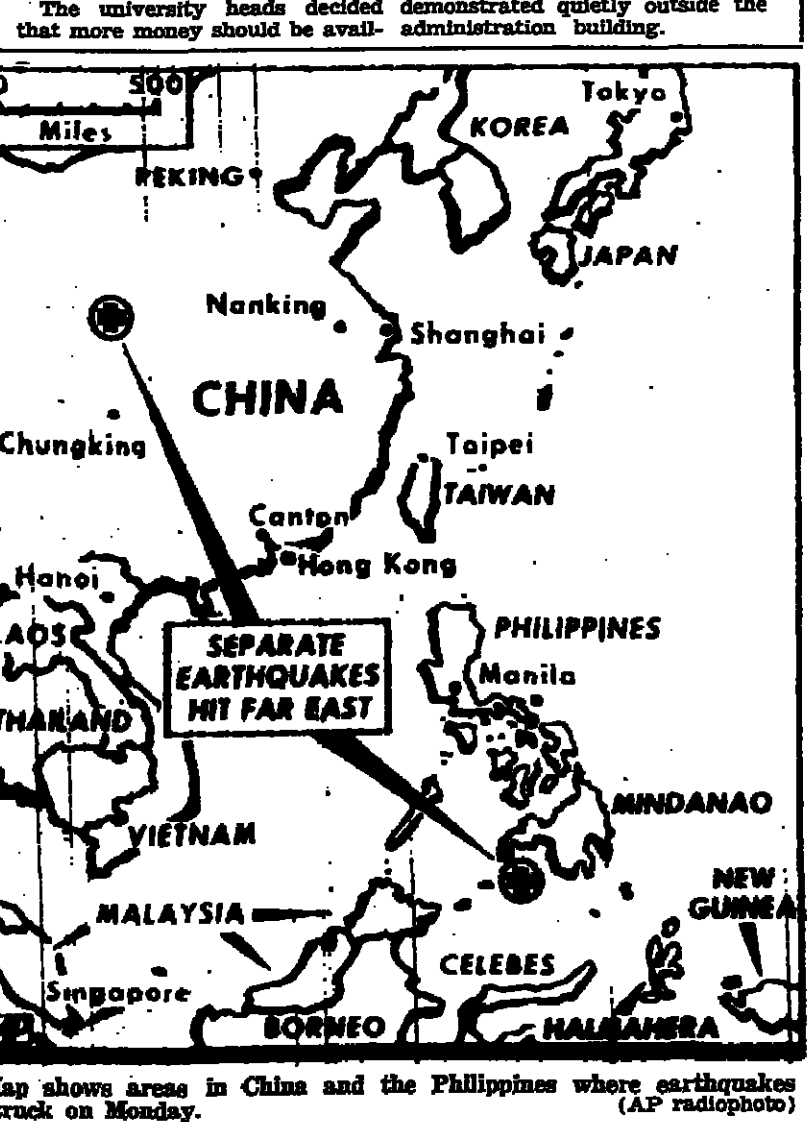
Seismic reporting stations said that the first quake in China, measured at up to 7.3 on the Richter scale, was centred in Melyang, a big trading and silk manufacturing centre.

The Chinese said this quake caused "very slight damage because Chinese seismologists accurately predicted it and took precautionary measures." The New China News Agency said medical teams of army units in Chengtu and the municipal health department were rushed to the scene along with other rescue and relief teams shortly after the quake struck.

Japanese engineers working on a chemical plant north of Chengtu, who were evacuated to Shanghai yesterday, said the plant was not damaged. They said they saw no signs of damage elsewhere before they left, according to Peking sources who talked with them.

Japan's Kyodo news agency quoted the engineers as saying they had been warned of an impending quake last week and again Monday hours before it occurred.

The other earthquake in China recorded by foreign observatories was in a sparsely populated area in northern China near Lanchow, the main support base for China's nuclear and missile testing facilities. The nearest city was Chungwei, which has a population of only about 20,000 and is located on a railway line running just north of the Great Wall. No reports have been received as to the extent of damage in the north China quake. (UPI, Reuters, AP)



Map shows areas in China and the Philippines where earthquakes struck on Monday.

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Jerusalem	24-34	24-34
Gaza	24-34	24-34
Nahariya	24-34	24-34
Safed	24-34	24-34
Salt Lake	24-34	24-34
Tiberias	24-34	24-34
Nazareth	24-34	24-34
Haifa	24-34	24-34
Shimon	24-34	24-34
Tel Aviv	24-34	24-34
Ramat Hasharon	24-34	24-34
Jericho	24-34	24-34
Gaza	24-34	24-34
Beersheba	24-34	24-34
Eilat	24-34	24-34
Tiran Straits	24-34	24-34

Social and Personal

The police on Monday held a reception honoring outgoing **Efsona Commissioner, Gunda Arye Mir**, and his successor, **Gunda Arye Levi**, at Beit Hashoter in Jerusalem.

Avraham Markus, Central District commander of the Border Police, was honored at a ceremony in Safed yesterday, for exemplary anti-terror activities over the years. Among those present were **Safed Mayor Aharon Nahmias** and **Shimon Eliezer**, police commander of the Northern District.

Prof. David Eshkol, Dean of the Technion Medical School, will speak (in Hebrew) on the new Health Bill, at the **Haifa Rotary Club**, 1 p.m. today at the **Y.M.C.A.**

Moshe Vardi, the Jerusalem Director of **EL AL**, will speak on "Civil Aviation in Israel" at the weekly meeting of the **Jerusalem Rotary Club** in the **Y.M.C.A.** at 1 p.m. today.

ARRIVALS

Professor Robin Becker of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Care at **Radassah University Hospital**, from Edinburgh, will be represented by **Dr. David Eshkol** at the **British Paediatric Association Meeting** on Wednesday.

Knesset to meet next week on economic issues

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The Knesset will interrupt its summer recess next Tuesday for a special session on economic issues, at the demand of the **Likud** opposition bloc.

Likud chairman Moshe Nissim yesterday sent 90 signatures demanding the special session to **Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu**. Nissim asked for a debate on a motion for the agenda about inflation to be opened by **Simha Ehrlich** (**Likud-Liberal**), and a debate on a motion for the agenda about the crisis in the local authorities to be opened by **Yoram Eldor** (**Likud-Herut**). Ehrlich will dwell on the fact that although the Government predicted an inflation of not more than 32 per cent in 1976, the figure has already exceeded 20 per cent in less than six months.

Eldor will demand that the Government deal urgently with the financial plight of the local authorities, which led to the resignation of the **Local Authorities Union** executive last week.

The session is due to start at 12 noon.

Watchman killed in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV - The body of a 58-year-old night watchman, apparently beaten to death by a blunt instrument, was found at a building site early yesterday.

Workers arriving at the new **Tel Hotel** site on **Rehov Hayarkon** yesterday morning discovered the body and called the police. The dead man is **Hassan Ben Abud Karira**, of Gaza.

No arrests have yet been made.

To Jeannette Ordman
We mourn with you the passing of your beloved father
PHILIP ORDMAN
(in Johannesburg)
Bat-Dor
Management, Dancers and Staff
In deep sorrow, we mourn the passing of our beloved brother and brother-in-law
Dr. PHILIP TRAUB
(of London)
Israel and Rhoda Traub,
Zichron Yaacov
Eli and Jane Traub,
Worcester, Rep. of South Africa.
Dearest sympathy to
PROF. Y.D. WALL
on the death of his
FATHER
Neurobiology Unit
Hebrew University
We deeply mourn the death of our colleague
REUBEN GAT
Barman at the King David Hotel
Jerusalem Branch
International "Geneva" Association of
Hotel and Restaurant Employees in Israel

Coffins of Istanbul victims here tonight

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
The coffins containing the remains of the two Israeli victims of the Istanbul airport terror killing, **Ernest Eliezer** and **Shlomo Weissbach**, are expected to arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport tonight.

The Turkish authorities in Istanbul yesterday gave final permission for the coffins to be flown home after a last-minute delay on Tuesday. At that time the coffins had actually been released and brought to the airport. Then orders came from the public prosecutor to return the coffins to Istanbul for further examination. It was understood that there had been new developments in the investigation into the killings.

Yesterday the public prosecutor told Israeli diplomats in Istanbul that he "regretted" the delay, but had had no alternative.

The extra examination was apparently to establish with greater certainty whether the cause of death was the bomb, exploded by the Arab terrorists, or weapons fired by the terrorists or Turkish security men.

According to one theory, the victims had been injured by the terror bomb but killed by bullets fired from the weapons of the security forces in the shoot-out.

It was concluded that the American and Japanese victims had been killed instantly by the terror bomb, a fact which enables the terrorists

to be charged under Turkish law with "multiple homicide."

Reports from Turkey indicate that all is set for the trial of the terrorists in a few days' time. The idea of extradition to an Arab country mooted last week by **pro-PLO** Interior Minister **Oguzhan Asik** appears to have no Government support outside his own party. It has been criticized by other parties, by jurists and in most newspaper editorials.

Extradition as a "quick solution" to avoid a trial seems out of the question, although it could be theory be proposed through due legal process after another state files the appropriate request.

The role of the **PLO** in training Turkish terrorists for domestic subversion has been noted in the local press, as well as the **PLO's** recognition of President **Makarios** as the rightful ruler of Cyprus. The major daily, **"Hurriyet"**, rejected the Interior Minister's proposal to hand the terrorists over to Lebanon. If they fall into Christian hands, the paper said, their fate will be similar to that of the Moslems in **Tel el-Zastar** camp. The fact that a country has an extradition agreement with Turkey does not convey the automatic privilege of extradition. Since the crime was committed in Turkey the criminals must be tried in Turkey, **"Hurriyet"** said.

Knesset Comptroller issue to committee

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The controversial appointment of a former Labour MK, **Baruch Azania**, as internal Knesset comptroller, will be discussed by that body's House Committee next Tuesday.

Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, who appointed Azania last week, will attend the House Committee meeting, called by its chairman, **Ari Ankorion**. The body is being convened in response to the demand of seven of its members, five from the **Likud**, plus **Yehuda Ben-Meir** (**NRP**) and **Shlomo Gross** (**Aguda** bloc). The House Committee has 19 members, and under House rules, one-third of the membership can secure a meeting on demand.

The request came from the **Likud's** **Avraham Katz**, who had been a member, earlier this year, of a two-man sub-committee which recommended the appointment of an internal comptroller. Katz had protested the appointment as soon as it was made public. He then asked for a meeting, which was refused so he collected the requisite number of signatures.

Katz said yesterday that according to the regulations of a body called the "Association of Internal Comptrollers in Israel," Azania lacked the essential qualifications for the post. The **Likud's** **Aliza Not** last Friday also asked Ankorion to convene the committee. The latter replied to Not on Monday that the committee had thoroughly discussed Knesset control procedures. Moreover, only six weeks earlier, the committee had

authorized the Speaker to appoint a new comptroller, **Ankorion** said. Katz and Not, as well as other **Likud** MKs, have charged that apart from lacking specific technical training for inspection of accounts and financial operations, Azania would not be impartial politically.

Earlier this year, in their report on Knesset control, Katz and his partner on the sub-committee, **Adi Yaffe** (**Alignment**) said the internal comptroller should be appointed by the Speaker, but be responsible to the Knesset Clerk. However, the full House Committee changed this, to have the official appointed by the Speaker and responsible to him. They instructed the Speaker to pass on to the House Committee all reports transmitted to him by the comptroller.

Ankorion told **The Jerusalem Post** last night: "The **Likud** is making a fuss about nothing. The way the **Likud** talks you'd think there's a thief in every room in the Knesset administrative section. Azania would not have any political issues to handle. If he was good enough to head the **Histadrut** control committee he's fine for the Knesset. His appointment is excellent. He knows the Knesset well."

Ankorion said Yeshayahu had not consulted him about Azania's appointment and had not been obliged to. He asked rhetorically why no political bias had been alleged in the appointment of former **Likud** MK, **Prof. Yitzhak Klingbofer**, as **Hebrew University** comptroller.

Shortsighted to gloat over PLO's plight: 'N.Y. Times'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON - "Those in Israel and elsewhere who gloat over the collapse of the **PLO** are shortsighted," the **"New York Times"** commented Sunday in an editorial.

"If their leadership has faltered, the Palestinians still exist - as a people," the newspaper said. "No one can anticipate a stable Arab-Israeli peace until this disaffected element is integrated into the political evolution of the region."

The **"Times"** editorial, entitled "The New Middle East," said that "too much has been invested in the aura of the **PLO** to expect that

organization to be altogether supplanted.

But what can happen, it continued, "and should be encouraged, is a shift in **PLO** policies and, if necessary, personnel - away from the terror-minded ideologues and toward moderates. Israel and the United States have a stake to play in this process of rebirth, but it is primarily the leading Arab states that have the interest and capability to nudge the **PLO** into realism and responsibility."

The **"Times"** said that Lebanon and the **PLO**, "as a practical matter," are "no longer functioning elements in world affairs. Each preserves its shell, available to be reused, but only through the grace and favour of outside forces."

MK urges death penalty, expulsion to deter terror

Jerusalem Post Reporter

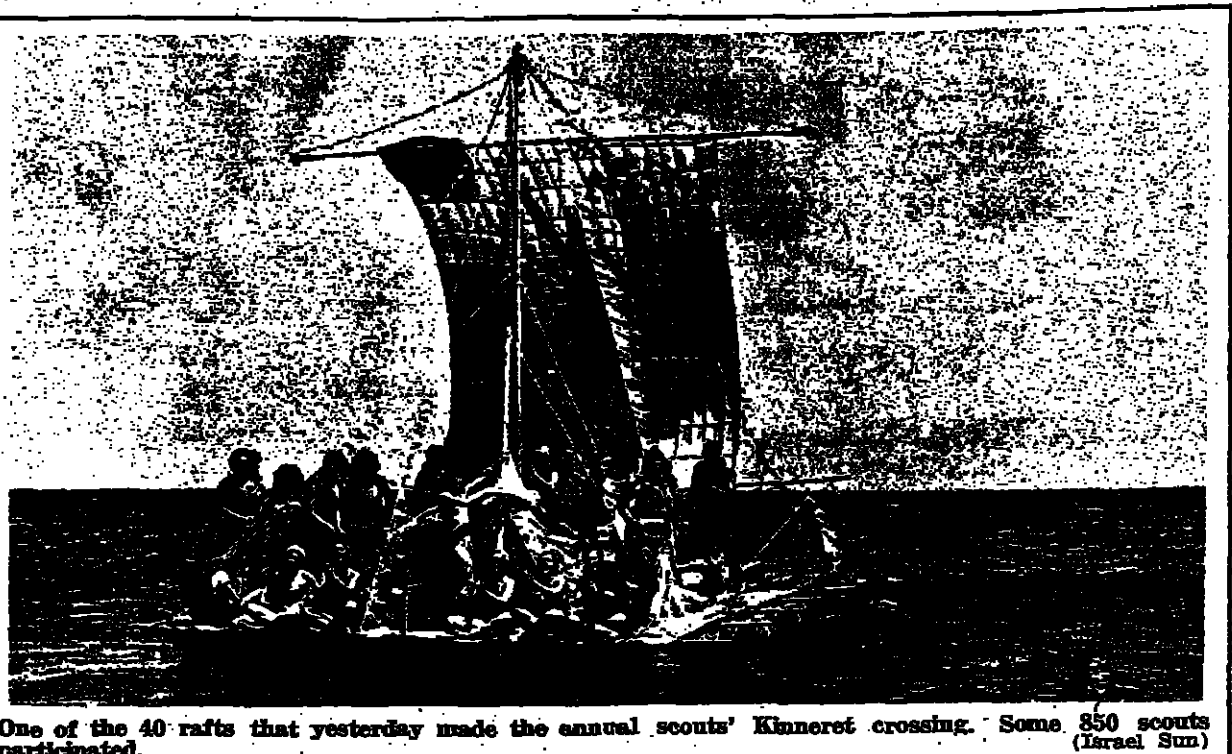
HAIFA - **Likud** Knesset Member **Amnon Linn** told a press conference here yesterday that Israel must use the death penalty and the wholesale expulsion of local terrorist sympathizers to deter hijackers, because "another Entebbe-type rescue may not be possible." Linn also warned that "we must be prepared for a new wave of spectacular acts of terrorism," because, as **Egypt's** President **Sadat** said at the non-aligned summit in Colombo, there are those interested in "teaching Israel a lesson, because that of the October 1973 War is not remembered."

Stressing that he was speaking only for himself, Linn added that no new legislation was needed to impose the death penalty on terrorists. All that was necessary, he said, was to restore to military prosecutors the right suspended by the Government - to seek the death penalty and to leave it to the discretion of military judges to impose it or not.

Israel, U.S. run 2nd in students' chess

CARACAS - Israel and the U.S. played to a 2-2 draw in the third round of the 13th World University Chess Championships here yesterday, to gain second place with seven points each.

The Soviet Union, handily beating Switzerland 24-14, strengthened its lead with 11 points. These four countries are vying, together with Brazil, Cuba, Poland and Venezuela, for the top eight places in group "A" of the championships. (AP)



One of the 40 rafts that yesterday made the annual scouts' Kinneret crossing. Some 350 scouts participated.

World War Two hero's wife, son, allowed to leave USSR

By SARAH HÖNIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV - The widow and daughter of prominent **Aliya** activist and campaigner against Soviet anti-Semitism, **Col. Yaffim Davidovich**, have received emigration permits. It was learned here yesterday.

The family is now seeking to obtain a permit to bring **Col. Davidovich's** remains to Israel with them. According to reports, they have received encouraging promises that the Soviets may allow the **World War Two** hero to be reburied in Israel.

The exit permits came too late for **Davidovich**, who died in **Minsk** last month at the age of 54. He had been critically ill for the last few years after suffering a series of heart attacks which began while he was under interrogation by the **KGB**.

Col. Davidovich was the most outstanding of the three "Minsk Colonels" - all retired Red Army officers who together campaigned

for their right to go to Israel. **Col. Naum Olshansky** was finally allowed to come here last year, while **Col. Lev Ovsacher** is still struggling for his exit permit.

Aliya activists appealed for months to the Soviet authorities to allow **Davidovich** to go to Israel in view of his grave medical condition. The **KGB** replied that "there is nothing wrong with him." He was increasingly harassed and even deprived of his army pension.

His funeral turned into a large-scale Jewish demonstration in **Minsk**, but his wife immediately vowed she would try to have him reinterred in Israel. "If he was not allowed to live or to die in the country he considered his homeland," she said, "at least he should be brought to eternal rest there."

It was learned in London yesterday that a Soviet Jew is to go on a hunger strike next week in protest at the Soviet authorities' refusal to let him deliver a scientific paper at a conference in **Heidelberg**. The 43-year-old econometrician,

Benor Gurfield, has also been forbidden to emigrate to Israel with his wife and 16-year-old son.

A resident of **Tallin**, **Estonia**, **Gurfield** had been invited to take part in a conference of the **European Econometric Society**.

The conference organizer, **Prof. D. Sondermann** of **Hamburg University**, has written to academic circles in Moscow asking them to press for **Gurfield's** attendance in **Heidelberg** on August 23. The scientist himself was due to lodge a protest yesterday at the **Estonian Communist Party** headquarters.

Amnesty International also reported yesterday that it had learned of five more persons confined to psychiatric institutions in the Soviet Union for their political or religious views.

One of them, **Anatoly Uvarov**, was detained near the Swedish embassy in Moscow last April during the official visit by Swedish Premier **Olof Palme**. He was carrying placards demanding his right to emigrate.

British Zionist parties jockey for Congress seats

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON - Britain's Zionist parties are currently discussing "postponement" of elections to the Zionist Congress to be held in December, but such a step will apparently depend on the distribution of "seats."

The Zionist General Council in Jerusalem recently decided to dispense with elections and appoint delegates instead, if 90 per cent of registered Zionists agree to this. One of the British Zionists' strong arguments against elections is the cost - £120,000, which the organizations' officers can ill afford.

But the decision on elections will depend on agreement on distribution

of the delegates among the parties. It is generally agreed that **Herut** should get one delegate more than they had in the previous Congress, and the **General Zionists** (**World Union**), new on the scene, must be given representation.

In the last Congress, Britain had 27 delegates: The Zionist Federation - 9; **Mizrachi** - 9; **Poale Zion** - 6; **Mapam** - 4; and **Herut** - 2. **Poale Zion** also demands another seat, though this is not generally supported. But **Poale Zion** has an internal split, with its young guard and **Habonim** youth movement demanding an election. The pressure will be borne mostly by **Mizrachi**, whose right to nine delegates is challenged by all the other parties.

Israel offers Lebanese farmers extensive help

By YORAM HAMZERAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MESTULLA - The Agriculture Ministry yesterday offered Lebanese farmers far-ranging aid in developing their farming and marketing their produce, as well as solving many of their problems with seeds and equipment.

Two groups of farmers met with the ministry's director-general **Reuven Eiland**, in **Kiryat Shmona** and at **Dover**. The first group, from the Christian village of **el-Kila**, near here, asked for agricultural advisers to be sent to them. They said they would guarantee the safety of the Israeli advisers.

Eiland said he could not undertake to send them personnel, but suggested instead that advisory stations be set up to which they could come for consultations. He invited the farmers' representatives to visit agricultural research centres in Israel, as well as farms which grow the same crops as they do.

He told the farmers they would be able to buy wheat seeds in Israel, and have their tractors

and other equipment repaired in **Haifa**. Next month, Eiland told them, they could attend the **"Agrotech 76"** exhibition at **Mikve Israel**, where they could buy equipment at will.

Eiland also met with a group of **Maronite** farmers at **Dovev**, who said they do not want to sell their tobacco - their main crop - to **Dubai**, because the price was too low. Eiland said Israel would gladly help them market their crop through the **Tobacco Growers Council**, which would sell it at international exchange rates, or, if they preferred, would enable their representatives to go abroad and seek buyers. If they chose to do this, Israel would permit them to ship their tobacco via **Haifa**.

The **Maronite** farmers treated Eiland to melons which they grew and which turned out to be an Israel variety known as "Ananas." The farmers, it appears, obtained Israeli seeds for these melons from **Jordan**, where they had been taken through the **Jordan bridges** for sale by **West Bank** Arabs.

Meir to address Yiddish revival meet in Jerusalem

By SHAYKA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV - The loyalists of **Yiddish** convene in Jerusalem next week in an effort to engage the help of Israel in a programme to preserve the culture of **East European** Jews of the past millennium.

"There is no way to do anything viable for **Yiddish** without Israel," **Yitzhak Korn**, on behalf of the organizing committee, said at a press conference here yesterday.

Over 380 delegates from 16 countries will take part in the colloquium, which will be held at the **Hebrew University** from Tuesday to Thursday, August 24-26, after a festive inauguration ceremony at the **Jerusalem Theatre** next Monday night. The ceremony will be addressed by **Aharon Yadin** and **Mrs. Golda Meir**.

The event is sponsored by the Committee for **Yiddish Culture** in Israel, the Union of **Yiddish** Writers in Israel, and the Cultural Department of the **World Jewish Congress**. "There is no antagonism today between **Yiddish** and **Hebrew**," said **Hyman Bass**, director of the Congress for **Jewish Culture** in **New York**. "We come here as friends

of Israel, proud of her achievements."

The Jerusalem conference will establish six committees to make plans to enhance **Yiddish** education, press, theatre, translations and special projects. A committee will deal with the problem of youth.

According to the **Yiddish** writer **Isaac Bashevis Singer**, quoted by **Mr. Bass**, some 4m. people in the world still speak **Yiddish**. There are **Yiddish** day-schools in the U.S. and Latin America, and some 150,000 use **Yiddish** in rabbinical schools in America.

In Israel, a **Yiddish** school is run in **Kiryat Haim**, in the **Haifa** area, but further expansion of **Yiddish** studies in Israeli schools is thwarted by the dearth of teachers, the press was told.

A **IL100,000 FUND** to advance the study of **dermatology** in Israel was established recently by **Dr. Kurt Harnmann**, of **West Germany**. **Professor Harnmann**, head of the Department of **Dermatology** at the **Beilinson Medical Centre**, will head the committee which will decide on distribution of monies from the fund.

Seamen avert split

By YA'ACOV FRIEDL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA - The convention Seamen's Union managed to split in the union's ranks last night at the same time defeat to face a possible bre the **Histadrut**.

Moshe Levi, secretary deckhands' section of the reiterated his demand that it leave the **Histadrut**. The **E** withdrew its recognition last year, when he called authorized strike. But **E** statements reaffirmed their him when they swept him office in the recent union giving his slate a total vict a rival list put forward **Histadrut**.

The 15 delegates to the convention last night passed motion amounting to an u calling on the **Histadrut** to the union's elected officers.

If the **Histadrut** continues to refuse to recognise them, the ship was empowered to t to persuade it to change. If this attempt also fai union leaders would com delegates in an emergency at which further action v decided upon.

The implication that in circumstances the whole unit leave the **Histadrut** **Moshe Levi** to withdraw h to take out his own d section, a step which wo the union.

Delegates will discuss item today, which includ labour contracts and relat the **Marine Officers' Union**.

France, Isra co-operate TV Bible se

Jerusalem Post Report
The Bible will soon o the living room - through venture of the **Israel Bro Authority** and **French TV Ant. Two**.

Israel TV chief **Amnon Z** told **The Jerusalem Post** that **Christian** and **Jewish** here will join counterparts to produce a 26-episode depicting stories from the **C** ment.

Directors will include sor leading theatrical profess Europe and the U.S., he a **An Ant. Two** official vis about two months ago to the deal, which will cost mated \$8m. The formal i is expected to be signed i few days, and the **French** plan to finance the projec investments by commercis terests in several countri

A Broadcasting **Authori** man said most of the **B** be done in Israel and i begin next spring. The f ment will be ready earl

The Broadcasting i initial investment - **IL** will cover half the cost, ing a synopsis of the, s

Arad chemi may clos

ARAD - Monthly lossi hundreds of thous pounds may lead to the of the large chemical here. The deficits are r the result of a drop in i market prices of pho

Announcing this yeste general manager of the **Chemicals** concern, **Flins** said that the company vi cide on the economic vi the enterprise within a

Even should the s close down completely added, it would still be at less than capacity, mng the firing of up workers.

The dismissals wo place within the com and jobs for displaced would be offered in t phase works at **Nahal Z** Neguv. The works i venture of the **Arad** con the **Neguv** phospha Both are government

U.S. training Israelis to maintain the

HAMPTON, Virginia - **Israel Air Force** personnel trained to maintain **F15** craft under a year-long p that began this summer a **Air Force Base** here, a **Langley** said on Mond

He said four student have completed the m training and returned to 15 others are in training the 1st Tactical Fighter W At the same time, Isra pilots are in transition to the **F15s**, America's fir warplane.

The Israeli's training pla under the U.S. Gov Military Sales Act of 1974. The act authorizes the U.S. to provide foreign governme

Michael Nussbaum, insurance executive

TEL AVIV - **Michael Nussbaum**, board chairman of **Haasah**, the **Histadrut's** insurance company, died here yesterday, aged 67.

Nussbaum was born in **Poland**, and immigrated to Israel in 1923. He joined a kibbutz, and was later a farm hand. He fought in the **Jewish Brigade** during **World War II**.

In 1946 he was elected head of the **Agricultural Centre**, and later headed the insurance scheme for agricultural workers until 1974, when he became **Haasah's** board chairman. He is survived by his Force materials and set eligible foreign governme

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'Adequate transport essential' - letter to Prime Minister Lahat urges Gov't to finish bus terminal

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

There has been a heated debate among Cabinet ministers as to whether the terminal should be nationalized or whether some other solution should be sought that would not burden the taxpayer with debts incurred by private contractors.

It is of deep concern to the city, Lahat stressed, and to the whole Dan region that the terminal be completed as soon as possible. "Allowing the structure to deteriorate means a verdict of deterioration for the whole Dan region. Adequate transport services to the most densely populated region in the country are essential, and no one besides the Government can come up with the financial resources needed to complete the project," the letter argued.

The views expressed in Lahat's letter were strongly opposed by Deputy Mayor Haim Basok, who

said that asking for what amounts to nationalization is tantamount to rescuing private interests with public funds. Mayor Lahat replied that he was only continuing the policy of his predecessor in office, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, in regarding the station as absolutely essential for the whole metropolitan area.

Later in the meeting, the Executive discussed proposed changes in the Kikar Hamedina building plans. Originally the circle, in one of the most expensive areas of north Tel Aviv, was to be surrounded by a number of eleven-story buildings spaced at regular intervals, which would have a total area of 72,000 square metres.

Of this, 32,000 square metres were allocated for apartments. One of the proposals discussed was that in order to alleviate the serious

N.Y. Jewish leader denies reports of friction 'Israeli consul doing a terrific job'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON, — New York Jewish leader Rabbi Joseph Glaser has denied vigorously that there is any friction between the Israeli consulate in New York and the Jewish community here. And he has been doing exactly that.

Glaser said that the diplomat has been "very successful" in developing good contacts among the national Jewish organizations based in New York.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of major American Jewish organizations, said last week that he (Schindler) was not in a position to judge Ben-Ari's performance in New York since the Presidents' Conference deals with the Israeli Embassy in Washington, and not with the N.Y. consulate.

"Uri Ben-Ari telephoned me shortly after he arrived, saying

that he did not want to be a 'ceremonial object' in New York, but that he wanted to get things done," Glaser added.

"He wanted to visit synagogues in the New York area and understand the Jewish community here. And he has been doing exactly that."

There has been some speculation here that Ben-Ari has rubbed certain American Jewish leaders, including Schindler, the wrong way by supporting the concept of a Jewish community relations council for the New York area, something that has not existed in the past. Some Jewish leaders apparently have feared that such a new body might interfere with their responsibilities.

Glaser said that he has been among those Jewish leaders in New York who have supported the establishment of such a council.

"New York is the only city in the U.S. that does not have one," he said, expressing satisfaction that during the past few months a compromise proposal for one has been accepted by the Jewish community there.



Neve Ya'acov threat to 'secede' from Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Neve Ya'acov Neighbourhood Committee threatened yesterday that residents of the northern Jerusalem quarter would not pay municipal taxes this year unless services were improved and the number of welfare families contained. If that has no effect, it said, Neve Ya'acov would seek to break off from Jerusalem and become an independent local council.

Committee members told a press conference that their closure of the road entering Neve Ya'acov for several hours last week had won a promise by the authorities to temporarily suspend a decision to fill a new building bloc entirely with "slum evacuees," as the committee defined them, and immigrants from culturally "difficult" backgrounds such as Bukharans and Georgians. (Municipal authorities say the so-called slum evacuees are not large families but newly married couples.) The committee demanded that the

REVIVALIST REBBITZIN ADVISES RABIN 'Mention God in your speeches'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin should mention God in his speeches here and abroad because the world is "thirsting for spirituality and waiting for the Torah" to emanate from Zion, Rebbitzin Esther Jungreis asserted yesterday.

Speaking to reporters in Jerusalem, the "revivalist rebbitzin" asserted that the current popularity of U.S. presidential candidate Jimmy Carter is a self-described devout Baptist — reflects America's searching for values.

Mrs. Jungreis, the wife of an Orthodox New York rabbi, stated that Israel's information programmes are "terrible." The success of the Entebbe rescue opera-

tion has been explained by all kinds of secondary phenomena, she said, and the real reason — God's benevolence and intervention — has been disregarded.

Her "Hineni" movement sent followers to Yankee Stadium in New York recently to "win back for Judaism" some of the Jews attending a "revivalist meeting" of the Korean guru, Reverend Moon. "We coaxed about 30 Jews not to go in, and found that most of them were emigrants from Israel," she said. "They are looking for something meaningful and don't realize that it is in their own religion."

All aliya offices in the U.S. should be closed, she maintained, since they are "worthless. The shlitim (emissaries) don't know

Producers' strike ends today

Directors will lead theatrical Europe and the U.S. An Ant. Two... about two months... the deal, which... mated \$1m... by is expected to... of the Ministry of... and Industry.

Ministry spokesman, Gad Soen, said that the Ministry of Culture, Communications, and Tourism is expected to announce a decision on the strike today.

A Broadway-style... man said moving... to determine... be done in... activity... begin next... the mass... ment will be... Eshkol, secretary of the Brokers' Association, disclosed that he has been... will cover half... to be in his office at 11... ing a synopsis of... for the Cartel

New head for Yeshiva U.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm, a professor of Jewish philosophy at Yeshiva University in New York, has been chosen president of the 91-year-old Orthodox institution.

Rabbi Lamm fills the position left vacant by the death this year of Rabbi Dr. Samuel Belkin, who headed the university for 33 years. An author, philosopher, chemist and teacher, the 48-year-old Lamm is the first American-born president of YU. He received his B.A., Ph.D. and rabbinical ordination at the university.

In his books and lectures, Rabbi Lamm has urged closer cooperation between the Orthodox Jewish community in the U.S. and the Conservative and Reform movements.

Young U.S. Jews of Syrian origin here for seminar 'It took five weeks to open their eyes'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

It took a five-week seminar here to open the eyes of 21 American Jewish teenagers of Syrian Parentage to the vibrance of Israeli life and to the misery of the Jews held captive in Syria.

"Although they belong to active, wealthy Jewish communities in New York and Seattle, with synagogues, schools and community centres of their own, they didn't know much about Jewish affairs beyond their borders," according to Eli Amir, executive director of the American Sephardi Federation and leader of the seminar. After meeting with Syrian Jews who escaped from their ghettos in the past few years, they learned that not all Syrian Jews live like the community in Brooklyn.

Amir, who immigrated to Israel from Iraq at the age of 12 (in 1950), at first had a difficult time convincing parents to send their children on the unique seminar. "Syrian Jews in New York have wandered from the Bronx to Brooklyn, Queens and New Jersey, but they feel very much at home there," notes Amir. "They have become wealthy from business — whether from selling electrical goods and clothing or banking and as middle-men, and few of the younger generation speak Hebrew or even Arabic."



Amir — who showed the youngsters his old neighbourhood. But when the word got around, Amir finally found he had to turn away applicants. The seminar was financed by the young people themselves or their families, by the Youth and Hechalutz Department, and by the Aliya Department and the Sephardi Communities Department of the World Zionist Organization.

"Few of them had heard of the Black Panther movement, or even much about the social and economic gap between Ashkenazim and Sephardim," says Amir. To get a realistic picture, Amir took the group to his old neighbourhood of Katamon Vav in Jerusalem. While showing them the crowded conditions and street life, he also pointed out the added rooms that have been built on as families earn money, and some of his friends who managed to finish high school and go through college.

Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yehayahu (born in Yemen) gave them a talk on parliamentary procedure. Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef (born in Iraq) strongly urged them to immigrate; other speakers during the group's travels portrayed the human side of Israel.

From his experience during the last eight months in the U.S. (he is also an aliya emissary of the WZO), Amir has found that Sephardic emigrants (yordim) in the U.S. speak privately about feelings of bitterness and frustration which caused them to leave. "But they also deeply miss Israel," he insists. "More must be done to reach them."

Amir plans to hold a similar seminar next year, and one along the same lines for adults — of Syrian, Iraqi, Turkish and other Sephardi origins.

Arad strike may end today

ARAD, — Most doctors, engineers and civil servants are expected to return to work today after a 24-hour strike. The result of a strike Minister Bar-Lev, as a market price, still believes in the use of martial law. We, however, are not. Announcing that Israel is a democracy, and general management shopkeepers, like any chemicals company, may protest and demand that the... side on the... Friedler adds from Haifa: the enterprise's... Association secretary... Even should Katz yesterday warned the... added, it would... a general strike... at less than... the Ministry carried... the strike threat to apply the Cartel

'Sick' port men again prevent ship movements in Haifa

HAIFA, — Ships were again prevented from entering or leaving port on Monday night, after another sick-on-the-job action by Maritime Department workers.

The port spokesman stated yesterday that during the night four of the seven men on the night shift suddenly "took sick" and went home. The sick reports again followed the detailing of two stevedores by the management to help out in the department, which is undergoing a temporary labour shortage in the present vacation season.

The men apparently prefer to do the work themselves and be billed for overtime. The management, however, holds that as there is little work for the stevedores during the summer they should be used to help out in the unskilled marine work, whenever possible, to earn their keep.

A similar quarrel last week resulted in a several-hour delay in ships' movements, when two of the men reported "feeling sick" after a stevedore had been sent to reinforce their night shift.

Open Letter to The Minister of Transport

EGGED has now been carrying soldiers of the Israel Defence Forces on its routes, without payment, for more than two months, in compliance with the Government's decision, and in spite of the fact that this decision was forced on the cooperative at short notice — no period in which to organize for this extra load was allowed. In order not to choke the interurban lines, and to make things easier for passengers — soldiers and civilians alike — EGGED DECIDED TO CARRY SOLDIERS FREE ON URBAN LINES, EVEN THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT DECISION DID NOT REQUIRE THIS. This eased the load on the interurban lines, and made it possible for us more or less to meet the additional passenger load resulting from the government order.

Nevertheless, the carrying of soldiers is causing hardship to the travelling public, particularly during rush hours, in heavily built-up areas and on routes serving central army camps.

EGGED has demonstrated its positive approach to the carrying of soldiers, and has played its part beyond the requirements of the government order. We have done what we can to maintain the comfort of the travelling public, but we will not be able to cover for a long period the considerable financial losses incurred as a result of this effort.

We therefore call on the Government to admit the facts of the situation, and extend the arrangements for free travel for soldiers to journeys in towns and suburbs. Only when all soldiers can travel free on urban and suburban routes will it be possible for us to control the passenger load due to free transport of soldiers, and make it unnecessary for soldiers to travel on interurban routes when making short journeys in town.

We are convinced that IF EGGED HAD NOT, ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE, MADE URBAN ROUTES AVAILABLE TO SOLDIERS — THERE WOULD TODAY BE NO SMOOTH RUNNING INTERURBAN SERVICES FOR ANYONE — CIVILIANS OR SOLDIERS.

The Minister of Transport should therefore recognize the essential need to provide free transport for soldiers on ALL ROUTES, to expand the free travel arrangements, and to compensate the public transport utilities at a rate corresponding to ALL THE JOURNEYS PROVIDED.



TODAY'S POSTBAG

MENAHAMIA, the Jordan Valley village, will celebrate its 75th anniversary next week with a fashion show reviewing 75 years of women's dress, to be put on by local girls.

Dutch policemen here for evidence on Nazi crimes in World War II

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two Dutch police officers arrived in Israel this week to record the testimony of Israelis on alleged war crimes.

The two, who have been forbidden by their superiors to have any contact with the press, are investigating the activities of Lambertus Leyen, a Dutchman who served with the Nazi SS in World War II, a Dutch Embassy source said yesterday. Leyen allegedly killed and tortured hundreds of Jews in a concentration camp in Russia.

However, another unofficial source

Chilean brothers alive and well after mysterious disappearance

NEW YORK, — Two Chilean Jews, believed to have been political prisoners, are free and well. This was disclosed yesterday by Burton Levinson of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The two, Julio and Eduardo Budnik Schwartzman, who are brothers, disappeared on July 23 and returned to their homes in Santiago on Sunday.

According to Levinson, who is chairman of the ADL's Latin-American Affairs committee, no explanation has been offered of what happened to them.

The Budnik brothers had held important industrial posts under the Salvador Allende government. On the day of their disappearance, their office was ransacked and their cars removed from an adjacent parking garage. Two days later the Budnik family received an anonymous phone call telling them that the cars could be found near the national stadium.

In an effort to help the family, B'nai B'rith representatives had appealed to the Chilean ambassadors in the U.S. and Canada for information on the matter.

Levinson expressed satisfaction that efforts to secure their freedom had been successful. (JTA)

Motel, inn for Mitzpe Ramon

MITZPE RAMON, — A \$110m. motel and wayside inn are to go up on a cliff overlooking the Ramon crater near here as the first step in transforming the township into a tourist and health resort.

An additional \$12m. will be invested in renovating the existing stop-over cafe-restaurant, which has been in a state of neglect for some two years now.

Outlining these plans yesterday, the establishment of a sanatorium for asthma patients in the vicinity.

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More protests, little violence in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG. — Black student protest continued in most of South Africa's major centres yesterday but little if any violence was involved, authorities reported.

Stone-throwing black schoolchildren smashed the windows of a bus in Pretoria yesterday in protest at the detention of 50 black leaders arrested last week throughout the country. Police said they dispersed the children and there were no injuries in the incident.

Meanwhile in KwaZulu Township near Port Elizabeth, police fired tear gas to disperse over 500 black students who abandoned their classes to stage an anti-government sit-in at a rugby field.

The students left their classes and gathered in the field singing freedom songs and the black national anthem, "Nkosi Sikelele Afrika," (God Save Africa).

Two white policemen and a black policeman, who addressed the crowd through a loudspeaker, were jeered by the students but no serious incidents were reported.

About 400 other students, almost the entire student body of the Dwyer Training College at nearby Bethelsdorp for coloureds or persons of mixed race, staged another protest march.

At Sesho, near Pieterburg, most of the 300 students at Mankot Technical College continued their boycott of classes. Sesho is the capital of the Lebowa tribal homeland or reserve.

The students last week protested that white lecturers at the school were armed with revolvers and one student was detained after the college laundry and a wash house were set on fire.

In Pretoria, it was announced that the government has refused a request by black parents to postpone final exams for high school seniors in November because of the township riots and damage to schools.

The Department of Bantu (African) Education said all racial groups in the country take year-end exams to qualify to be graduated from high school on the same date

and no exceptions would be made. The request for a delay came from parents in the township of Soweto, the home of more than one million blacks near Johannesburg and the black residential area worst hit by rioting.

"In order to make up for the time that has been lost during the recent disturbances it will be necessary for pupils and teachers to work a longer school day, to do extra lessons and homework and to concentrate for these last few months on the external examination subjects," the statement said.

Defence headquarters also announced that South African troops have killed two more black nationalist guerrillas in the Owambo tribal area of northern South-West Africa. The statement said the insurgents, members of the South-West Africa People's Organization which operates from bases in southern Angola and Zambia, were killed Monday and a third was wounded.

The deaths bring to 43 the unofficial total of guerrillas killed in the South African-ruled territory since 1973.

In neighbouring Rhodesia, Premier Ian Smith has advised his people not to "jump to hasty conclusions" over South African Foreign Minister Hilgard Muller's remarks supporting American initiatives toward Britain's former colony.

Muller last week welcomed U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's new involvement in a search for peace, but stopped short of specifically backing Washington's proposal that majority black rule should be installed two years after the end of negotiations.

Smith said Muller's remarks were distorted by the South African and Rhodesian news media.

"What Dr. Muller said was that South Africa supports Dr. Kissinger's initiative aimed at achieving a settlement in Rhodesia. This is a very different story from that portrayed by the press and certain Rhodesian politicians who might wish for majority rule in two years," Smith said. (AP, UPI)

Tanaka set free on \$700,000 bail

TOKYO. — Former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka was released on bail yesterday, one day after his indictment on bribery charges in connection with the Lockheed payoff scandal.

As the 58-year-old Tanaka came out of the high-walled Tokyo detention house yard in a black limousine, more than 1,000 curious spectators crowded the area. Hundreds of reporters and photographers flocked around his car.

After moving through the crowd, the car picked up speed and took the former prime minister to an unknown destination.

Bail of \$700,000 was put up for Tanaka to free him from the cell where he had been held since he was arrested July 27 on charges of violation of laws on foreign exchange and foreign trade control.

The indictment Monday charged he received \$1.6m. from officials of Marubeni Corp., a major trading firm, to help promote sales of Lockheed aircraft in Japan. Marubeni head aircraft in Japan. Marubeni formerly was Lockheed's agent here. (AP)

Korea dispute again at UN

UNITED NATIONS. — The first salvo in the annual UN confrontation over the Korean was fired here on Monday when the Soviet Union, China and other North Korean backers called on the General Assembly to demand the withdrawal of U.S. troops and armaments from South Korea.

The group of 21 Communist and developing nations charged that U.S. forces in South Korea "are being continuously reinforced and large quantities of nuclear weapons and other mass destruction weapons are being introduced." The only foreign power with troops or arms in South Korea is the U.S.

North and South Korea are not members of the UN. Both countries have "observer" status at the world body, which does not allow them to participate in official UN business.

The U.S. and other South Korean supporters are now expected to field a rival resolution calling on all parties directly concerned — North and South Korea, the U.S. and China — to negotiate an alternative arrangement to the armistice agreement. (AP)



Paris police in overalls remove compressed air cylinders left in a sewer by robbers who tunneled into the basement of the Ile Saint-Louis branch of the Societe Generale Bank over the weekend and made off with the contents of 191 safe deposit boxes. (UPI telephoto)

W. Indies crush England to take series 3-0

LONDON. — West Indies fast bowler Michael Holding plunged England to a shattering defeat when he ended with a record-breaking match tally of 14 wickets on the last day of the fifth and final cricket test at the Oval yesterday.

England, set 438 runs to win, tumbled to defeat by 231 runs when they were all out for 203 in their second innings by late afternoon.

Holding added six wickets yesterday to the eight he captured in the first innings, for a record test total by a West Indian. His match figures were 53.4 overs, 15 maidens, 149 runs, 14 wickets.

The previous best bowling performance by a West Indian was 12

for 121 by Andy Roberts against India in the West Indies last year. The West Indies won the series by 3-0 to give England their biggest thrashing in England since Don Bradman led Australia to a 4-0 victory in 1948.

The 23-year-old Jamaican destroyed England's slim hopes of matching a draw by taking four wickets in his first 37 balls. He finished the innings with six for 57 in 20 overs.

Stout defence by David Steele (42), Alan Knott (57) and Geoff Miller (24) saved England from disgrace, but in the end the West Indians' fast bowling especially that of Holding, proved decisive. (Reuters, AP)

Guadeloupe volcano rumbles

POINTE-A-PITRE, Guadeloupe. — The volcano were forced to leave the area on Monday night when it started to erupt.

At the moment only 50 old people and a Roman Catholic priest who refused to leave their village are in the danger-zone. French government officials insisted they sign documents releasing the authorities from all responsibility for their welfare when the volcano erupts.

Yesterday scientists got ready to fly by helicopter to peer into the fiery crater of the volcano, which they say could blow up at any moment. Like a 30-megaton nuclear bomb.

The scientists reported they were unable to see what was happening on La Soufriere because the summit of the mountain is covered by a grey cloud mass. (AP, Reuters, UPI)

Volcanologists who stayed near

Thieves tunnel through sewers into Paris bank

PARIS. — Thieves tunneled through sewers and emptied 191 safe deposit boxes over the weekend in a bank here in an operation that resembled the spectacular "sewer rat" bank robbery in Nice, police said yesterday.

They said the thieves drilled through an underground concrete wall to enter the vaults of the Societe Generale Bank on the exclusive Ile Saint-Louis, home of many French film stars and politicians.

Police said it was possible the Paris thieves had stolen even more than the Nice gang — who got away with an estimated \$5.8m. in what was believed to be the world's biggest bank robbery.

No official figure was given for the Paris robbery, which was discovered when the bank reopened after the three-day Assumption holiday weekend.

Police said the thieves had installed their own ventilation system in the tunnel that they dug up into the bank to ensure that they were not asphyxiated by the fumes of their drilling equipment. The same thing was done in the Nice robbery a month ago.

The Paris robbery comes at the height of the holiday season when many of the bank's rich clients leave their valuables in safe deposit boxes. (Reuters)

No end in sight to UK drought

LONDON. — Weathermen see no end in sight for Britain's worst drought in 250 years and all 10 water authorities in England and Wales have applied for powers to ration water.

Three water authorities in the driest areas, Yorkshire, Wales and southwestern England, are planning to implement the Emergency Drought Act rushed through Parliament to cut off water supplies to homes and factories at any time.

The country's other water boards plan to ban the use of water for gardens, parks, sports fields, fountains and car washes. (UPI)

Khmer Rouge 'oppress Chinese minor

BANGKOK. — The Khmer Rouge have segregated Cambodia's ethnic Chinese minority in some areas of the country and singled it out for especially harsh treatment, informed sources say.

Refugees from Cambodia — both Khmer and Chinese — describe several cooperatives in northwestern Cambodia reserved for Chinese where the discipline and security is tighter, the work more grueling and the rice rations often less than those given ethnic Cambodians.

The sources say large segments of the Chinese population — especially the rich, urbanized merchant class — were killed by the Khmer Rouge in the months following its victory in April, 1975. Others were herded out into the countryside to work with the general population.

Tito scores Israel's 'expansionist policy'

banese forces at the Tel Aviv camp in Beirut.

North Korea's Premier Sung Chul urged the Chinese to insist on withdrawing its troops and weapons from South Korea. He said had been "reducing military base for aggression for nuclear attack and a war magazine of the imperialist fullest sense of the words."

The speech marked North debut into the non-aligned movement. Pyongyang was announced at a conference aligned foreign ministers in Peru, last year.

Panamaman leader Omar rijoze urged the conference port Panama's demand for U.S. control over the Canal. "The greatest reason for pinning in our country is the presence of a colonial enclave in the heart of our homeland the pretext of operating the Canal," Torrijos said. (U)

Along with the late presidents Nasser of Egypt and Sukarno of Indonesia and Prime Minister Nehru of India, Tito is credited with pioneering the Third World movement, 15 years ago. Noting its growth to encompass 85 nations in 15 years, Tito urged that the non-aligned movement be broadened.

"Non-alignment cannot be confined to the narrow boundaries of the developing countries or to the so-called Third World, the southern hemisphere," he said.

President Hafez Assad of Syria tore into Israel, Rhodesia and South Africa, saying they all are "links of racism and colonialism." Assad said Israel had failed "to benefit from the lesson of the October (1973) War," which was the need for Israel's withdrawal from occupied Arab lands and its recognition of the rights of the Palestinians.

The Syrian leader chose not to reply directly to a charge by Egypt's President Anwar Sadat here Monday about "those who were meddling in Lebanon's internal affairs."

President Assad said Syria had "exerted every possible effort to stop the fighting and to have the parties reach common ground through dialogue."

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) accused Syria at a pre-summit press conference of "invading" Lebanon and failing to come to the aid of Palestinians who were wiped out by rightwing Le-

banese forces at the Tel Aviv camp in Beirut.

He was speaking during the Lok Sabha (lower parliament) on a bill to rest and detention powers emergency's internal security a second year. The bill effect, replaces a presidential decree of last June, was an overwhelming majority.

Raddy would not give an for the number of people in this act since the emergency imposed in June, 1975, rough figures he gave first official indication of have been detained.

Prior to the Cambodian Khmers and the Chinese bodia enjoyed a generally relationship. In urban Chinese were mainly in commerce. In the country, acted as shopkeepers, rice and processors, and more. During the war, tension between the two the government-controlled partially in reaction to the domination of the economy were occasional raids shops in Phnom Penh up of anti-Chinese violence.

China was a prime Khmer Rouge during there was little evidence the Communists were recruiting ethnic Chinese bodia for their cause.

There is no known contact between the ethnic Chinese and technical personnel from China acting as advisers to the Phnom Penh Government.

Anti-Semite becoming France's leading press magna

PARIS. — Robert Hersant, the French press magnate, announced yesterday he had bought 50 per cent of the stock of the daily "France Soir" despite an unlimited strike voted Monday by the editorial staff of the paper protesting the trend toward concentration of newspaper ownership in France.

The transaction between Hersant and Paul Winkler, who bought "France Soir" earlier this summer, was signed yesterday morning and announced at a meeting held at the

"Figaro" newspaper a few hours later. The financial value of the contract was not disclosed.

The 200 striking editors, reporters and photographers at "France Soir" originally said they would strike indefinitely to protest the bid of purchase. They called a meeting for last night to determine their course of action.

Hersant already owns many provincial newspapers as well as the Paris morning daily "Le Figaro."

By PAUL WEBSTER

PARIS. — The satirical weekly *Le Canard Enchaîné* calls Hersant an ex-Nazi and a crook, but his business image is that of a member of the Radical Party, a Parliamentary deputy, a man in whom the Government has such confidence that it is smoothing his way to becoming France's Axel Springer.

The collapse of Frouvost's empire, the financial troubles of the publishers Hachette, technical changes in printing, the approaching Parliamentary elections and the shakiness of other big newspapers are all playing a part in fulfilling Hersant's ambitions. For someone who has sufficient self-confidence and the certainty of powerful encouragement, there is hardly likely to be a better time than now to build a press empire in France.

Jacques Frouvost, founder of *Paris Match* and a succession of best-selling papers, was crippled by

age. The same problem is facing Marcel Boussac, another textile king, as his right-wing *L'Aurore* runs into the ground. Marcel Dassault, the plane-maker, knows that his *Jours de France* is also coveted. Both men are over 80 and both would find it difficult to resist a concerted bid for the publications which give them political influence.

These men were the French press barons, who used newspapers rather than published them, but who are inevitably giving place to a new generation led by Hersant and Emile Amaury, publisher of France's biggest daily, *Le Parisien Libéré*.

Both are in their mid-sixties, both have records of collaboration, both are extreme right-wing and both receive such confidence from the Government that President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and his Cabinet regularly honour them in public.

Amaury has captured most of the headlines in the past year during a furious dispute with the Communist printers whom he sacked and who now occupy his headquarters while *Le Parisien Libéré* is printed elsewhere. This has done nothing to moderate the violent tone of a newspaper whose eccentricity was recently marked by the claim that the Israeli secret service hijacked the Entebbe Airbus.

Nevertheless, Hersant is the man of the moment. He operates from the *Figaro* offices in a barely furnished room where he puts a brake on the liberal tendencies the paper showed before his takeover. With the dismissal of the progressive

staff, the staid columns have returned to the Cold War vocabulary of Communist plots.

But Hersant is more talked about than his newspaper. Although his power comes originally from ruthless determination, a desire for revenge and political ambition, it also owes much to his ability to draw in a series of faceless backers afraid the left-wing Opposition will lay its hands on political outlets before the Parliamentary elections of 1978. Nationalised airports, banks rushed to help him to buy *Figaro* after approval from both the Elysee and Prime Minister Jacques Chirac. But while that operation is fairly clear and well-documented, the recent sale of *Paris-Match* and *France Soir* are submerged in speculation.

The publishers, Hachette, now run by big industrial and banking interests, had taken over the rest of the two assets, in a holding operation. Within a month, they let go of *France Soir* to Paul Winkler and *Paris-Match* to Daniel Filipacchi, a photographer, who publishes the French edition of *Playboy*.

Le Monde, the independent staff-run daily, supported allegations that this was a new government-backed operation to stop these two publications — both suffering heavy losses — from falling to the Opposition. Hersant's takeover was seen as an explanation of why industrialists and banks supported the takeover.

Banker Edmond de Rothschild was very visible during the stages and Winkler, *Washington Post* correspondent, able to put up 40 million. *France Soir*, Most and deliberately obscure open that the money did not of Winkler's money box.

On the face of it, forces, even more right before, now control press. Hachette, which was able to publish the success magazine *Le Parisien Libéré*, is connected with the Tattinger family.

For the opposition, increasingly choleric *Le Communiste* daily *L'Espresso* often dull weekly *Le serviteur*, the unpres *Express* and a growingly extreme left-wing Press the *Canard Enchaîné*, he monopoly on breaking a ment news.

The most influential bastions remain power of the provincial press, sent is about to challenge aid of new communiques enabling *Figaro* papers to be published only in the provinces, papers already studios opposition personalities as a propaganda medium. But real evidence that the for all its funding comes the manoeuvres, financial support to P check.

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Art exhibitions are frequently shown at stations in the Paris Metro—but passengers, terrorized by increasing violence and crime, would probably prefer that more public money was spent on police protection.

METRO CRIME WAVE

By ROBIN SMYTH

PARIS.—The French Government's urgent measures to combat crime fighters — the ground crime fighters — the emergency's task is to wage war on crime. The impact of an act of violence for which the training has totally un-

He was speaking in the Lok Sabha (parliament) on Tuesday night. The emergency's task is to wage war on crime. The impact of an act of violence for which the training has totally un-

Reddy would not say whether the number of deaths at the station in the last 24 hours was more than the number of deaths in the rest of the country. He said the number of deaths in the last 24 hours was more than the number of deaths in the rest of the country.

Making do with basic Hebrew

By WENDY BLUMFELD

Special to the Jerusalem Post

THE HOUSING shortage, the education system and the Kupat Holim may be among the many reasons why new immigrants give up the struggle.

But if I were to pack my bags, one of my prime reasons would be the language barrier.

In spite of attending a very good ulpan, and coming from London's youth movements where I acquired a basic vocabulary, the subtler aspects of the Hebrew language are beyond me.

Sure enough I can inform the laundry that they've lost my bath towels and tell the grocer that her porridge has worms in it. But how can one write letters of complaint to a school and to the Ministry of Education if one cannot even express oneself in basic Hebrew?

My husband does not have this problem. Coming from a long line of Hebrew speakers in a northern English provincial town, he has applied this strange combination here. His colleagues are complaining bitterly that he even tells jokes in Hebrew.

In fact, at our farewell party in England, when he was asked why he was emigrating to Israel, he replied that his wife couldn't speak Hebrew and he would have a rest.

Miss a gossip

The thing I miss most is the gossip over the teacups. Fortunately in Haifa there are many Anglo-Saxons, but at any school functions or public occasions, I cannot join in the heated discussion. For one who was on four PTA committees concurrently in England, this is very frustrating.

My neighbours are kind and concerned, and many is the chat we have over a hanging pot of kebabs, but these do not extend to anything profound, as we cannot reach depths beyond the nice peaches I bought in the market today.

The language is the culture and the culture shock is one of non-communication and inability to express oneself.

According to Skurnick and George, the essential link between language, complex learning and thinking comes about because we learn by description originating in symbol learning, sometimes called instrumental conditioning.

I therefore feel that as thinking takes place in language because the store of information we live in is a state of paradox if the information we store is in a language alien to the culture.

That language is communication does not mean that one cannot communicate without language.

Eye contact is very effective and so is hand movement. I find myself talking with my hands even on the telephone. This is probably why TV is much more popular than radio.

My children's Hebrew improved a hundredfold when we acquired a TV, but I am still addicted to Prometheus and the Onedin Line.

So perhaps we should think again on our methods of learning Hebrew and devote more attention to their importance.

Or alternatively, to quote Churchill: "I am biased in favour of boys learning English."

A soldier of the People of Israel

By BERNARD KAPLAN

A COLONEL in the Russian army who learned Hebrew through books was one of the bravest soldiers of the People of Israel, Yefim Davidovitch. My wife, Bracha, and I met him when we visited Minak in September, 1972, eight months before he died.

Davidovitch was well-known in the Soviet Union as one of the most highly-decorated Jewish soldiers in the Soviet army in World War II. After his retirement, he was stripped of his rank and lost his well-deserved pension because of his involvement in the struggle for Jewish rights.

We had gone to pray in the local synagogue — a peasant's hut which served as the only permitted synagogue in the entire Republic of Byelorussia — during Succot. Standing in the doorway was Davidovitch, a tall, square-shouldered man who welcomed us in Hebrew and Yiddish. His warmth and openness, his military bearing, his pride in the row of medals he wore on his chest, his obvious joy in being able to speak a recently-learned broken Hebrew, were in sharp contrast to the furtive, hidden glances of the other Jews in the synagogue.

We spent that afternoon and most of the next day with Davidovitch and his close friend Lev Givshcher, also a retired colonel. Both men had been indicted in 1973 on charges of anti-Soviet activity, but had been released after a world-wide outcry.

Davidovitch told us that after having served his country faithfully for 25 years, he had suddenly come to the conclusion that his efforts and those of his fellow Jews were not appreciated by the Soviet government. The revival of Jewish pride and consciousness in Russia, he explained, had been spurred by the achievements of the State of Israel and provided Soviet Jews with the feeling that there existed an alien native for themselves and their children.

As he spoke in his friend's apartment, Davidovitch often pointed to



Col. Davidovitch at a Holocaust memorial in Minak last year.

them to apply to leave before it was too late. Those words, "too late," are embedded in my consciousness.

When we parted from these two friends, Davidovitch told us there were many young Jews in Kiev, Odessa, Vilna, Riga, Moscow and Leningrad who were not afraid to assert their rights. But, unless they received the support of freedom-loving people all over the world, especially the U.S., it could be in vain. I have often wondered since then whether I would possess even a portion of the courage these two men had if my grandparents had not happened to emigrate to these shores from Byelorussia at the turn of the century.

My most vivid memory of our sojourn in Minak was the scene outside that Minak synagogue on Simhat Torah. Over 50 young men and women in their twenties and thirties sang and danced with us. They did not enter the synagogue to pray, because they had never been permitted to go to a Jewish school and could not read a word in the prayer books.

One of the last songs they sang was an old Yiddish song of welcoming, "Mekabel Panim Zehin." First they sang it to their guests from America. Then a young man stood up and requested they sing it in honour of Davidovitch. Young and old, all the Jews in the courtyard of that small synagogue in Minak rose and sang the song over and over, many of them with tears in their eyes. Then for a few moments they fervently applauded this man of extraordinary courage.

When he died, Yefim's wife said that "alive or dead, Yefim belongs to his people." Someday, and it will occur, when the Jews of Russia can freely go to their Promised Land, I am sure they will remember to take with them the remains of this great man to be reburied in the land he only dreamt about. Until then, Yefim, we will never forget you!

(Bernard Kaplan is chairman of the State Island Committee on Soviet Jewry.)

Bridge/George Levinrew

Golden reward for this sacrifice

some club support in North, so he bid four diamonds. The bid went to East who was not bashful. He bid four spades. South was now fearful that the opponents might have a game, so he sacrificed in five diamonds, which West doubled.

The club ace was led and a heart was continued and won by North. East just could not get in to lead back a club for West ruff. Declarer pulled trump three times, made four more club tricks on which hearts were discarded from dummy. He trumped two hearts in dummy, making the doubled contract. So the five diamond sacrifice had a golden reward.

BRIDGE CALENDAR

Coming Events

August 21 — Haifa, Alfred Baird Cup National Tournament for Pairs at Beit Hagafen starting at 9:30 a.m.

Sept. 3 — Tel Aviv, Bravi-Givshcher Cup National Tournament for Pairs, time and place to be announced.

Ben Nahum Cup for pairs, Haifa scores in match points. Three rounds. 1. Almondo-Gel, 1074. 2. Mrs. Rosen-Altman, 1050. 3. Balala-Ullmann, 1050.

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1976 Women's Pair Championship, Herzliya 1. Ant-Gosser-Zuckerman, 2. Raphael-Shatz, 3. Paltzer-Gitlin.

Weekly Duplicate Games, 8:30 p.m. Ashdod — Monday, Thursday: Museum, Beer-Sheva — Monday: Bnei Shimon Club near the Knesset Cinema.

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Prior to the Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia, the Chinese enjoyed a good relationship with the Khmer Rouge. The Chinese were seen as a threat to the Khmer Rouge's power. The Chinese were seen as a threat to the Khmer Rouge's power.

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The Indian Jews of Mexico's Venta Prieta

By DANIEL JANNER

VENTA PRIETA is a tiny village in Mexico and a half drive north of Mexico City. It differs from other Mexican villages only because its inhabitants are Jewish. The village is a community of 150 Jewish families, mostly from the Lubovitcher Hasidim.

On the first day of the community are a number of Jewish influences. Most of the Jews look like their dark-skinned, non-Jewish villagers. Yet this community proudly upholds the traditions of Jewry.

For the past 100 years, the community has been a part of the Jewish world. The community has been a part of the Jewish world.

The case for a home physiotherapy service

By DR. DAVID SAMSON

PHYSIOTHERAPY today plays a major and sometimes crucial role in the treatment of many chronic diseases, especially those affecting bones and joints. It is also an essential ingredient in the successful rehabilitation of patients who have sustained disabilities as the result of accidents or strokes.

There is a need for most of my patients requiring this service, to a city, where there is probably the finest physiotherapy set-up in Israel. A dedicated team of skilled and sympathetic workers together with modern premises housing the most up-to-date equipment combine to form a really first-class service.

But — this is very big "but" — to get to this centre of excellence, my patients have first to walk 1 1/2 kilometres to the nearest bus stop, take the bus from there to the main bus terminal in the big city and then walk another half kilometre to another bus stop, where they can finally catch a bus to the door of the physiotherapy clinic. Treatment over, they have to negotiate the whole procedure again in reverse order.

Now this sort of trek is all right if you happen to be a healthy 25-year-old, or any age really, if you are sound in both mind and limb. However, the type of patient most likely to require a prolonged course of physiotherapy doesn't usually quite measure up to these criteria.

Take for example one of my elderly patients, 70-year-old Mrs. Levavi, who lives on one of the moshavim where I work. One day last winter this indefatigable woman slipped on the way home from a visit to the village grocery. As is unfortunately, not too uncommon in this age-group, she broke her femur — the thigh bone. In hospital the orthopaedic surgeon decided to hasten the union of the bone's broken ends by inserting a steel plate across the fracture. This was duly done in an operation under a general anaesthetic, which she tolerated very well. She was discharged from hospital with instructions not to put weight at first on the affected side. After several weeks, when the ends were well on their way to being united, she was allowed to put her weight on the leg and was encouraged to get about on her own with the aid of a stick. Ironically, however, this physical disability made it impossible for her to get to the physiotherapy clinic, whose services she so badly needed at this stage of her recovery. As a result, her return to ambulation was disappointingly slow. Finally she had to be readmitted to hospital for two weeks, four months after the initial accident, primarily for an intensive course of physiotherapy. Following this, she made rapid progress. At present, she can get around almost as independently as before her fall.

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Heat gets to Sadat

THE USE OF ISRAEL as a whipping boy in conflicts among the Arabs is by now well established practice. It is so well established that it has become a bore.

The latest example is President Sadat's use of the non-aligned forum in Colombo to lay the blame for the Arabs' — and the Africans' — troubles on Israel. It is odd, however, that he should have failed to appreciate the long-run effects of such outworn tactics.

Admittedly, Sadat's Egypt is in a dreadful predicament today. From a position of acknowledged leadership in the Arab world, Egypt has fallen into a state of impotent solitude. Hard won alliances are in ruins, old friendships are dissipated — and their place is taken by fresh and bitter animosities.

Although it weathered the crisis over the Sinai agreement without great difficulty, Egypt has emerged from the Lebanese dispute with its wings very badly clipped. The strife with Syria is now more ferocious than ever; the hope of rapprochement with Jordan is virtually dead; the newly-found allies in the PLO are a broken reed, while the winning Lebanese Christians are completely alienated.

It must be scant consolation to Sadat that his arch-foe, Libya's Muammar Gaddafi, who still views himself as Nasser's true heir-apparent, now tends to see eye-to-eye with him on Lebanon. Similarly, the fact that Baghdad shares Cairo's distaste for Syria's activities in Lebanon, cannot hide the Iraqi Baathist leadership's hostility toward Sadat. Baghdad would want Sadat to flash his swords at Israel.

Meanwhile, the Egyptian economy, is continuing to decline. There is still no visible prospect for the pace of development to catch up to the galloping rate of population increase. And Sadat's repeated call for a minimum of \$12 billion in aid from the supposedly friendly Arab oil states is a voice crying in the wilderness.

In these circumstances, the Egyptian President prefers to divert attention from his own problems by raising the spectre of a Tel Aviv-Pretoria axis, and by inventing an attempt by Israel and South Africa to "terrorize the Arabs and Africans with nuclear threats."

Certainly President Sadat is aware that this kind of vicious anti-Israel fulmination is not compatible with the terms of the Sinai agreement. That agreement, after all, was not — despite Egyptian claims to the contrary — a purely military accord. It was conceived, and endorsed as a measure for defusing enmity and for making progress towards peace.

Therefore it cannot be argued that the agreement is being observed merely through adherence to its military disengagement provisions — which, it seems, are in fact being carried out, notwithstanding occasional violations by the Egyptians. When Egypt is exerting its utmost efforts to torpedo Spanish plans for establishing diplomatic ties with Israel, it is jeopardizing the Sinai agreement. And when Sadat delivers a Nasser-type harangue against Israel, he is threatening to pull down the whole structure of that instrument.

If, as appears to be the case, Sadat does not desire such consequences, he should try harder to avoid bringing them about.

Temptations to largesse

NATIONAL INSURANCE is compulsory, and so, under the new Pensions Bill, will be the income-related pension scheme. Monthly premiums for both ventures together are going to account for over one-fifth of the wage packet.

The new measure is justified all the same, for two reasons. The first is that most people do not save enough for their old age, and are apt therefore to become a burden to society. Today the Treasury is financing "supplementary benefits" for 40 per cent of the national insurance pensioners, because they have no other source of income. The cost of this annual rescue operation came last year to £150m.

The second reason justifying the bill is that the existing voluntary pension schemes are running into trouble. Last year revenue from contributions totalled £11,100m., while outlays on pensions and early cash withdrawals were already close to £1800m. In two or three years' time outlays will exceed revenue; this despite the fact that contributions are tax-exempt, meaning that there is a donation from the Treasury already.

The new Statute plan, as devised by a small and businesslike committee under the Labour Ministry's Shlomo Amir, will stay in the black, it is estimated, for 40-50 years. Or rather that would be the case, were it not for the accumulated obligations piled up from the past. These obligations have to be met. How big the burden is nobody knows, because each fund has its own accounting system, and confusion reigns.

Therefore it is important that the new bill not repeat the mistake of its predecessors. It must not promise more than it can supply; but unfortunately, in the political atmosphere that surrounds the topic, it is likely to do just that.

At present, contributions to the pension funds are 16 per cent of wages. Another 2½ per cent is put into the severance pay fund, which is now to be abolished. The committee offers two possibilities: one, to let the 2½ per cent build up into a cash benefit, which will be paid on retirement, in addition to the 70 per cent pension.

The alternative is simply to add the 2½ per cent as extra revenue to the pension fund, and not provide a cash benefit. The advantage of this option is that it would offset the actuarial deficit inherited from the past; otherwise not much time will go by before the new State pension scheme itself runs out of cash.

There will be a temptation to vacillate over this dilemma. Labour Minister Moshe Baran wants his bill to get through its first reading during the present Knesset, that is, before the elections next year. It is important that, despite the imminence of those elections, the Knesset be statesmanlike enough to insist on the more economic of the two alternatives.

As it is, the authorities will not find it easy to provide self-sufficient financing, over a long period into the future, for a universal pension topping 70 per cent. That pension, it must be recalled, is linked not just to the price index, but to the average wage — which means to each and every wage hike that takes place after the pensioner's retirement. To offer a cash grant on top of that would be, under Israel's present circumstances, less than responsible.

ISRAEL PRESS

The Israel issue in the U.S.

DAVIE (Hastadur), commenting on the presidential race in the U.S., says that even though Israel is not the only issue influencing the Jewish vote, which in a close race would play a crucial role in the outcome, both candidates will have to give the issue very careful attention. There are signs that the Republicans will make every effort to take advantage of Carter's relative weakness among the traditional Jewish supporters of the Democrats. However, says the paper, this should not be allowed to affect the avowed policy of the Jewish community and the friends of Israel in the U.S. of keeping U.S.-Israel relations on a bipartisan basis. Only in this way will it be possible to ensure Israel's interests in the long range in both the administration and Congress.

basically pro-Israel. The paper comments that while there is usually a large gap between platform and performance, the Israel plank rests on the widespread public support for Israel and any prediction on its viability must take this into account.

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Vying for the crucial Jewish vote



Campaigning in a yarmulke ... Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford.

The Middle East plank in the Republican Party is so pro-Israel that Israel may not even be a real issue in the campaign, writes WOLF BLITZER from Washington. But the bearing that the Israel plank of either party platform will have on actual policy after November is a moot question.



ISRAELI DIPLOMATS here and their American supporters are delighted by the Middle East plank in the Republican Party platform, the most pro-Israel declaration ever adopted by the G.O.P.

Arab diplomats, on the other hand, are not hiding their disappointment. The Arabs had expected the Democratic platform adopted in June to include a strong statement of support for Israel, which it did. But they had hoped that the Republicans would show more "balance" in drafting their statement, taking Arab interests into consideration.

The State Department is already bracing for some stiff reactions in the Arab world. "State won't be happy," a reporter told a White House official yesterday. "I don't work for the State Department," was his terse reply.

In fact, White House officials, anxious to attract Jewish support during what they hope will turn out to be a Ford-Carter race, made a decision last month that the party platform should be decidedly pro-Israel — despite the State Department and the possible ramifications in the Arab world. A group of American Jewish Republicans, led by Max Fisher, met with White House Chief of Staff Richard Cheney to discuss the proposed plank, and he agreed in principle to work for a strongly-worded statement — even if it meant

going slightly beyond existing Administration policy.

Last Friday, the Platform Committee drafted the Middle East plank, reported in detail in Sunday's Jerusalem Post. It was no accident that there was no mention of "stalemate" or "stagnation" in Middle East diplomacy, words President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger have used publicly on numerous previous occasions.

For a brief statement on Lebanon, there was only one reference to America's relations with the Arab states: "Republican administrations have succeeded in re-establishing communication with the Arab countries, and have made extensive progress in our diplomatic and commercial relations with the more moderate Arab nations."

Most of the Middle East section dealt with Israel, and America's commitment to the Jewish state, and as if to add insult to injury to the Arabs, the Republicans strengthened the statement on Monday. At first, the draft called for a "just and durable peace for all parties in that complex region." When someone pointed out on Monday that the word "parties" could be interpreted to include the PLO, the committee quickly voted to change it to "nations." Similarly, in the section calling for "face-to-face, direct negotiations,"

the committee substituted "states" for "parties." They were not leaving a loophole the Democrats might take advantage of, one veteran political observer here commented.

Sceptics here sought to dismiss the importance of the Democratic and Republican platforms. "Neither one will be worth a can of beans in 1977," one pro-Israel observer insisted. But others were convinced that the platforms will serve as the basis for America's Middle East policy by the next Administration.

U.S. officials in the Middle East have been asked to report extensively back to Washington on reactions there to the presidential politicking here in the U.S.

Privately, American officials will not doubt explain to the Arabs that the Democratic and Republican platforms are designed for "domestic consumption," hoping that the Arabs will be "sophisticated" enough to understand U.S. politics. "Don't worry," the Americans will probably tell the Arabs, "there has been no change in U.S. policy. Just have some patience until after the elections."

Over the years, however, foreign ministries abroad have read the party platforms more carefully than most Americans. This year should be no different. Both party platforms now completed, many American Jews here no longer believe that Israel will be an issue during the campaign. "American Jews will choose their candidate on other issues," a Jewish leader in Washington predicted.

That assessment might prove premature. Right now no one knows what is clear already is that both parties are vying for the crucial Jewish vote and U.S. support for Israel stands to be strengthened because of it. "Too bad there isn't a presidential election every year," the Jewish leader quipped.

READERS' LETTERS

TELLING PEOPLE WHERE TO LIVE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — As an American Jew who is very active in the movement on behalf of Soviet Jewry, I strongly feel that Dr. Joachim Braum (August 11) has as little right to tell a Russian Jew where to live as he has to tell me, an American Jew, where to live. Just because the Soviet Union forces its citizens to become hypocrites in virtually all aspects of life, that is no reason for us to brand these people as immoral. Using an Israeli visa to "get out" is obviously the lesser of two evils.

What is immoral about exercising the basic human right of freedom of movement? Was the Zionist ideal ever to force unwilling Jews to move to Palestine? Is it to Israel's benefit to try to ingratiate a group of malcontents? What kind of humanitarian is Dr. Braum if he would only help a fellow Jew in distress if that Jew "tows the party line" as defined by Dr. Braum? By now, many Soviet Jews have family and friends in the U.S. and Western Europe. Should we prevent their reunification?

As for Jewish spiritual life, I frankly find it more vigorous and dynamic in America than here in Israel, so it can't be their Jewish souls that Dr. Braum is concerned with. I am forced to conclude that it is their Jewish bodies that Dr. Braum wants, and while I deeply admire any and every sacrifice made for Israel, I deplore any attempt to exact such sacrifices in a discriminatory way (i.e., from Russian and not American Jews).

Let us not create a new category — "Prisoners of Zionism."
SUSAN JO GARDOS,
Russian Research Centre,
Jerusalem.
Harvard University

BANK GROWTH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I would like to refer to Mr. Arthur Glass' letter, "Far too many bank branches" (August 4).

I regret to say that some of Mr. Glass' information is simply inaccurate. Nine years ago Bank Hapoalim had 138 branches and not 70 as mentioned by Mr. Glass. At present, the number of Bank Hapoalim's branches is 237 and not 270. The increase in number of branches does not necessarily indicate that new branches are being built. Among the "new" branches, many are simply existing branches of other banks acquired by Bank Hapoalim.

Mr. Glass is probably aware of the fact that Bank Hapoalim is serving, among others, many wage-earners and, therefore, makes special efforts to extend its services to a widespread population, particularly in development towns and new neighbourhoods. It should be appreciated that the bank is striving to shorten distances and queues which are a serious time-consuming factor in a country where labour force is so short.

As to Mr. Glass' comment concerning "branches popping up like mushrooms after the rain," I would like to draw his attention to the report of the Bank of Israel on "Bank offices in big cities," as of 30 September, 1971. According to this and other reports taken or initiated by the Bank of Israel, the growth rate of Bank Hapoalim's branch network is considerably lower than elsewhere. At any rate, the Bank of Israel has adopted an extremely restrictive policy with regard to branch licensing.

As to Mr. Glass' comment concerning "branches popping up like flies to say that without sufficient profits, no sufficient accumulation of capital is possible and this in turn, endangers the stability of the bank and the depositors' security."

I am sure that Mr. Glass is aware of the fact that the total net profits of the banks in the last year reflect a decrease in their profitability. Such a trend, in fact, imperils the capital infrastructure of the banks.

Tel Aviv. G. MORAG

COLLECTING VAT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — There is a great deal of criticism of the Value Added Tax. A lot of loopholes have been left by the administration. A private person paying his lawyer, or ordering new shoes from the carpenter, or having his car oiled and greased, does not request a receipt. So there is no guarantee that the supplier of these services does not pocket the tax.

In order to make the customer ask for a receipt, the Treasury could give a small rebate on each individual's income tax proportionate to the amount of VAT he paid during the year.

The party who pays the VAT would insist on getting the receipt, because it represents a tax asset. And the firm giving the numbered receipt would have no option but to pay in the VAT to the Treasury.

SHAI TROSS

ASSAF HAROFFE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Mrs. Clara Balinsky made the remarkable statement in her interview (August 4) that "Assaf Harofe Hospital needs a godfather," and then set up Canadian WIZO-Hadassah for that office.

With all due respect to Canadian WIZO-Hadassah and to Mrs. Balinsky, and the gifts of equipment and other facilities since the late Mrs. Madeleine Lewin-Epstein of Jerusalem brought that organization into aiding the hospital, may I point out that the Israel Friends group has also provided nearly £12m. in the past seven years — no mean achievement for a local enterprise. Moreover, a contribution of £1m. (first instalment) from an anonymous donor in Great Britain has just been received through the Karen Hayesod-U.S.A.

The "Yael" (Helping Hand to Patients) group centred in Rishon LeZion has also been a valuable auxiliary for many years.

JULIAN MELITZER,
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Assaf Harofe Hospital
Jerusalem.

Hell, Helsinki and the British Parliament

By GREVILLE JANNER
Special to The Jerusalem Post

LONDON —

MARGARET THATCHER, leader of Her Majesty's loyal Opposition, has become known as "the Iron Lady." She represents a constituency in which there are many Jews, and she is concerned with causes that her Jewish constituents regard as crucial — Israel and the problems of Soviet Jewry.

From the start, Margaret Thatcher has shown her distrust for the Soviet Union. She reckons — correctly — that British voters on the whole have little love for Russia and the greatly feared Communist potential to do harm. Mrs. Thatcher has now chosen the first anniversary of the Helsinki Agreement as the occasion for a bitter warning. She fears the Russians and the gifts they bring. She is a disciple of Solzhenitsyn. Detente, for her, is a snare and a delusion.

But although those concerned with the success of the movement for Soviet Jewry may have nasty suspicions that the lady is right, they recognize that without detente or Helsinki, the prospects of extracting Jews from Russia would be even sadder than they are at present. However willow the wand with which we can beat the Russians when they have agreed to be civilized, it is better than no stick at all.

THE UNITY of the Commons on the issue of Soviet Jewry, and the disagreement over the best way to deal with the Russians, was shown in an important and revealing series of exchanges at Question Time a few days ago. In an obviously pre-orchestrated chorus, Members on both sides of the House demanded an answer to the question (variously phrased): "Would Her Majesty's Government protest to the Soviet Union at their failure to implement the Final Act of the Helsinki Agreement, especially in cases such as that of Mrs. Ida Nudel?"

The replies came from the junior Minister at the Foreign Office now charged with primary responsibility for our East European relations — John Tomlinson. Formerly Parliamentary Private Secretary to Sir Harold Wilson, he clearly shares Sir Harold's totally positive approach to the Soviet Jewry movement.

Time after time, Tomlinson expressed the "grave concern" felt "not only in this House but outside it" at the failure of the Soviet Union to comply with the Helsinki agreement. Lord Goronwy Roberts (a Secretary of State at the Foreign Office) had raised these matters with the Soviet Charge d'Affaires. Yes, individual cases had been raised, including that of Ida Nudel. No, he did not think that public denunciation was as effective as behind the scenes approaches. Yes, the Government would continue its efforts.



'Iron Lady' Margaret Thatcher.

THEN THE UNITY of the Commons was shattered. Conservative Member Fowler enquired what could be any hope of detente if the Berlin Wall remained? Correctly assessing the start of an anti-detente, Tomlinson stated the Government's attitude: "This sort of over-reaction to the Soviet policy did not aid the achievement of results. Honourable Members would want from the USSR: 'Why not?' and 'Iron' resounded from the back of the House with the most occasional plaintive cry from the opposition: 'What about the Palestine return to their homes?'"

ment is openly united in its help Soviet Jews.

How to help? that is one question. As friends — to react to suspect? Or as enemies — against, with post-Churchill resolve?

Most Labour Members openly with some doubt for the most Conservatives (frequent equal soul-searching) for Margaret Thatcher, it seems and devoid of doubt. But must hope that she is wrong.

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